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In re patent application of:

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For: CATHODE MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM

SECONDARY BATTERY, PROCESS FOR

MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND

SECONDARY BATTERY USING THE SAME

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Art Unit: 1745

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 8 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A carbon material characterized in that edge parts of a particularly core carbon material are particularly or entirely coated with a coat-forming carbon material and that the carbon material is nearly spherical or ellipsoidal, wherein the carbon material has a specific surface area determined by a BET method of 5m²/g or less.

Claim 4, line 3, change "crystallinity" to "crystallinity--; and